

Subject Birmingham workhouse  
copper sixpence

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From J. H. Hamer, Bleak House, Claremont Road,  
Halifax, Yorks.

To Mr Howland Wood

Dear Sir

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 1920

I have for disposal one of the finest  
of the Birmingham Workhouse Copper  
Six pences. of which 7 only were struck,  
One being in the Birmingham Museum.

This is a guaranteed genuine specimen,  
and its pedigree can be stated from the  
Chetwynd Sale in 1842. The price is 125 Dollars, which, at the  
present rate of exchange is a tempting  
price. I should not offer it, but  
I have another. The one offered is a  
bronzed specimen, and weighs over  
5  $\frac{2}{3}$  ounces. The imitation token, weighs  
short of 5 ounces, and is not so large in



diameter. Enclose rubbings which  
will show the difference in diameter  
between the original, and the imita-  
-tion specimen.

If sent will be fully registered.

With kind regards,

Yours truly

S. S. Hamer

Enclose a copy of my paper  
on "Tokens issued by Overseers of  
the Poor and Workhouse Authorities"  
in which you will find a reference  
to the Birmingham Token.

December 1st, 1920.

Mr. S. H. Hamer,  
Bleak House,  
Claremont Road,  
Halifax, Yorks, England.

My dear Mr. Hamer:-

I have been most pleased to receive your letter as it has been several years since I have heard from you.

I note your offer concerning the very rare six pence piece of the Birmingham Work House, but our Society has such limited funds for buying that we can not avail ourselves of the privilege. In fact I do not know who, in this country, has sufficient interest in the English tokens to pay any large sum of money for a single piece despite its great rarity.

Very truly yours,

Curator.